

CHAMPVA POLICY MANUAL

CHAPTER: 2
SECTION: 13.7
TITLE: LATE DISCHARGE

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I. EFFECTIVE DATE

January 23, 1984

II. DESCRIPTION

A late discharge represents a period of stay that is not medically necessary.

III. POLICY

Any costs associated with a late discharge are not covered whether or not the fault of the beneficiary.

IV. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

When a hospital assesses late charges for a period of stay that is medically necessary, those costs can be covered.

END OF POLICY